

in March, 1998, 3004 have already been reinstated. Of the remaining 121 dismissed employees, 12 have expired and 109 have not come forward for reinstatement.

NHB's Assistance for Construction of Houses

5943. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Housing Bank, Bombay has extended refinance facilities to the state Agricultural Rural Development Banks of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi for the construction and repair of houses in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) and (b). National Housing Bank (NHB) which has its headquarters at New Delhi, has formulated a Scheme for subscription to Special Rural Housing Debentures (SRHDs) in terms of which NHB subscribers fully to floated by agricultural Rural Development Banks, covering there in the entire lending for rural housing under the scheme against guarantee of the concerned State Government. NHB has reported that the Agricultural Rural Development Banks of Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have not applied for financial assistance from NHB under the scheme for subscription to SEHDs so far.

[English]

Jute Mills

5944. SHRISURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have re-

ceived any proposal to set up some jute mills in the country particularly in district Saharsa in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b): In accordance with the new Industrial Policy no license is required for setting up jute mills in any part of the country including Saharsa in Bihar.

[Translation]

Export of Manganese Ore

5945. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of managanese ore during the last three years; and

(b) the facilities proposed to be given by the Government to the exporters for promoting the exports of managanese ore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of managanese ore during the last three years was as under:

Year	Value(in Rs., Crores)
1988-89	13.51
1989-90	38.03
1990-91	41.54

(b) The export of managanese ore is being effected by MMTC, the canalising